

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising:

receiving at least one business transaction;

determining whether the business transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule; and

establishing a subsequent business transaction based on the results.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the configurable business rule specifies a relationship between the received business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the configurable business rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction associated with the received business transaction, a time relationship between the received business transaction and a subsequent business transaction, and a business event associated with the received business transaction.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising processing business transactions having different formats.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a message indicating that the business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business rule.

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1 6. An apparatus comprising:

2 a memory; and

3 a processor coupled to the memory, wherein the processor  
4 is configured to:

5 receive at least one business transaction,  
6 determine whether the business transaction satisfies  
7 at least one configurable business rule, and  
8 establish a subsequent business transaction based on  
9 the results.

1 7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the configurable  
2 business rule specifies a relationship between the received  
3 business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the configurable  
2 business rule is configured based on at least one of a  
3 jurisdiction associated with the received business  
4 transaction, a time relationship between the received business  
5 transaction and a subsequent business transaction, and a  
6 business event associated with the received business  
7 transaction.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the processor is  
2 further configured to process business transactions having  
3 different formats.

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1 10. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the processor is  
2 further configured to send a message indicating that the  
3 business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business  
4 rule.

1 11. An article comprising a computer-readable medium that  
2 stores executable instructions for causing a computer system  
3 to:

4 receive at least one business transaction;

5 determine whether the business transaction satisfies at  
6 least one configurable business rule; and

7 establish a subsequent business transaction based on the  
8 results.

1 12. The article of claim 11, comprising instructions for  
2 causing the computer to determine whether the business  
3 transaction satisfies a configurable business rule, wherein  
4 the configurable business rule specifies a relationship  
5 between the received business transaction and the subsequent  
6 business transaction.

1 13. The article of claim 11, comprising instructions for  
2 causing the computer to determine whether the business  
3 transaction satisfies a configurable business rule, wherein  
4 the configurable business rule is configured based on at least  
5 one of a jurisdiction associated with the received business

transaction, a time relationship between the received business transaction and a subsequent business transaction, and a business event associated with the received business transaction.

14. The article of claim 11, further comprising instructions for causing the computer to process business transactions having different formats.

15. The article of claim 11, further comprising instructions for causing the computer to send a message indicating that the business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business rule.

16. A method comprising:  
accessing a system that is configured to:  
determine whether a business transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule, in response to receiving the business transaction, and  
establish a subsequent business transaction based on the results.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the configurable business rule specifies a relationship between the received business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the configurable business  
2 rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction  
3 associated with the received business transaction, a time  
4 relationship between the received business transaction and a  
5 subsequent business transaction, and a business event  
6 associated with the received business transaction.

1 19. The method of claim 16, further comprising processing  
2 business transactions having different formats.

1 20. The method of claim 16, further comprising sending a  
2 message indicating that the business transaction does not  
3 satisfy a configurable business rule.

1 21. An apparatus comprising:

2 a memory; and

3 a processor coupled to the memory, wherein the processor  
4 is configured to access a system that is adapted to:

5 receive at least one business transaction,

6 determine whether the business transaction satisfies

7 at least one configurable business rule, and

8 establish a subsequent business transaction based on  
9 the results.

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1 22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the configurable  
2 business rule specifies a relationship between the received  
3 business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the configurable  
2 business rule is configured based on at least one of a  
3 jurisdiction associated with the received business  
4 transaction, a time relationship between the received business  
5 transaction and a subsequent business transaction, and a  
6 business event associated with the received business  
7 transaction.

1 24. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the processor is  
2 further configured to process business transactions having  
3 different formats.

1 25. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the processor is  
2 further configured to sending a message indicating that the  
3 business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business  
4 rule.

1 26. An article comprising a computer-readable medium that  
2 stores executable instructions for causing a computer system  
3 to:

4 view a business transaction from a system that is  
5 configured to:

6 receive the business transaction,  
 7 determine whether the business transaction satisfies  
 8 at least one configurable business rule, and  
 9 establish a subsequent business transaction based on  
 10 the results.

1 27. The article of claim 26, comprising instructions for  
 2 causing the computer to determine whether the business  
 3 transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule,  
 4 wherein the configurable business rule specifies a  
 5 relationship between the received business transaction and the  
 6 subsequent business transaction.

1 28. The article of claim 26, comprising instructions for  
 2 causing the computer to determine whether the business  
 3 transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule,  
 4 wherein the configurable business rule is configured based on  
 5 at least one of a jurisdiction associated with the received  
 6 business transaction, a time relationship between the received  
 7 business transaction and a subsequent business transaction,  
 8 and a business event associated with the received business  
 9 transaction.

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